

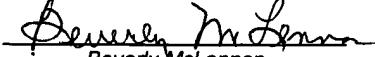


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1. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page)
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3. References (15)

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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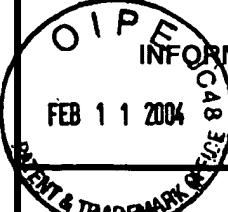
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